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Sir:

In response to the communication of April 6, 2000, reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the below re-written claim 19.

To comply with 37 C.F.R. 1.21, please delete claim 19 as written in the Office Action response of February 16, 2000 and substitute re-written claim 19 below:

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on April 14, 2000.

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19.

(Twice Amended)

A wound dressing comprises in combination

- (i) a first wound contact layer which comprises calcium alginate or

[preferably has a positive effect on the healing of the wound, wherein said first wound contact layer provides for] a material which promotes clotting via agglutination of red cells,

- (ii) a second layer of greater hydrophilicity than the first layer applied to said first wound contact layer, and

- (iii) a breathable film associated with said first wound contact layer and said second layer having an increased MVTR capability in the presence of liquid water as compared to moisture vapor alone.

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